

## Global Multi Media Service System and Apparatus

## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

5           The present invention provides techniques for accessing multi media information. Specific embodiments include systems, apparatuses, methods, and software that provide access to information from disparate resources. The present invention provides a web tuner system that provides access to multiple kinds of media through a single interface in an exemplary embodiment. The web tuner system comprises  
10       equipment which can be located at a home, home office or small business office. The equipment provides a panel that displays media information, and a remote control with which the user may select media to receive. The user may also input information about various kinds of media of interest. The web tuner receives multiple types of media, such as television, radio broadcast, and Internet based information, such as from the world  
15       wide web. The information is output into external equipment of various types, such as television, for example. Accordingly, the web tuner provides a media type independent interface and control for receiving information, so that the user is able to operate a single interface to receive multiple types of media.

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